

Remarks

Claims 2-4, 8-9, 11-12, 17-24, 26-27, 29-32, 34-35, and 38-41 were pending in the present application. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims define allowable subject matter.

Initially, the Examiner is thanked for reviewing the proposed claim amendments and discussing the present application with the undersigned. While no agreement was reached during the phone call, it was tentatively acknowledged that the applied Prior Art did not teach or suggest the claims as amended in the proposed amendment.

The above claim amendments do not add new subject matter. In particular, the present application discloses and fully supports permitting the spectators to carry the portable video devices and roam about the local event while choosing where the spectators would like to view the local and remote event video content selected. Attention is directed to paragraphs 29 and 30 which explain that users are provided with receiver units 65 which are portable. Paragraph 30 refers to a copending application, 09/837,128, which names Mr. Taz Anderson as an inventor, and has publication number 2002/0057364. The '128 application states the following at paragraph 28:

Furthermore, since the device 50 is handheld, the device 50 is easily portable, and **the user 44 may carry the handheld device 50 with him and choose where he would like to view the images produced by the handheld device 50. Indeed, the user 44 may roam the stadium with the device 50 in hand** while intermittently viewing the images and hearing the sounds produced by the system 12. Furthermore, by manipulating buttons or other types of switches 56 in the user input 24, the user 44 may control which video signals 14 are displayed and which audio signals 15 are produced by the system 12. Accordingly, the handheld device 50 gives the user 44 more flexibility in how the user 44 observes and listens to the sporting event and, as a result, makes the event a more enjoyable experience.

The '128 application is incorporated in its entirety by reference into the present application and thus the complete subject matter of the '128 application is included within the

present application. The foregoing is one example of where the present application supports the claim amendments.

Claims 2-4, 8-9, 11-12, 17-24, 26-27, 29-32, 34-35, and 38-41 have been rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Telephony Online (January 10, 2000: http://telephonyonline.com/mag/telecom_fans_choiceseats_interactive/) (the ChoiceSeats reference). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for reasons set forth hereafter.

The ChoiceSeats reference does not teach or suggest to wirelessly broadcast local and remote video signals over an area encompassing a local event to portable video devices. The ChoiceSeats reference does not teach or suggest to use portable video devices of any form. The ChoiceSeats reference simply describes a traditional system in which monitors are hardwired into tabletops or seat headrests within specific seats in stadium suites. The Choice Seats system is not available to the vast majority of the individuals attending a sporting event, but instead is limited to only those able to afford the amenities associated with stadium suites. As recited in claims 22 and 23, a claimed method and system enable portable video devices to be used by any and all spectators regardless of where the spectators are seated. The portable video devices permit the user to roam about the local event while the user views local or remote event video content on the portable video device. Choice Seats fails to teach or suggest any such method or system.

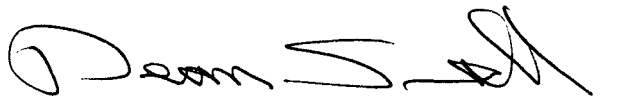
The claimed method and system offer numerous advantages. For example, the claimed method and system provides a portable video device that a user may purchase and incur a one-time charge for the cost of the portable device (eg PDA, cell phone and the like). In one example, the user may then simply buy an annual or individual game subscription fee for the content (again like a Blackberry or cell phone service). Thus, the claimed portable system and method for affording local and remote content to spectators provides a very user friendly, cost effective solution that is not limited to spectators who purchase suites at stadiums.

Further, the dependent claims define additional patentable features. For example, claims 27 and 35 further define that a plurality of local sources convey local video signals to the broadcast system that then broadcasts the plurality of local video signals over the area encompassing the event. As defined in claims 27 and 35, the portable devices then permit the user to select between the plurality of local video signals. Choice Seats does not teach or suggest any such structure or step. In paragraph 6, Choice Seats simply states “Those sitting in Choice Seats can access including live, isolated camera angles; multiple prospective replays with slow motion...” The Choice Seats article further describes that “providing access to multiple views of game action” is allowed at the displays mounted in the seat headrest or on the table top. However, nowhere does the Choice Seats article explain who controls which of the camera angles and which of the views are displayed to the user. The Choice Seats system, as understood by the undersigned, does not permit the user to select between a plurality of local video signals. Instead, the views shown on the Choice Seats display are determined by the local broadcast system at the stadium. Therefore, the local in stadium production facility determines which views are displayed, not the individual user. These differences among others render the claims of the present application patentable over the Choice Seats article.

In view of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the prior art fails to teach or suggest the claimed invention. Should anything remain in order to place the present application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Credit Card Authorization is attached for payment of the fee in the amount of \$65.00 for a one (1) month extension of time. Applicant believes that no additional fee for claims is required. If any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 503858.

Respectfully Submitted,

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